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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

The residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD FOR SURGICALLY JOINING A VENTRICULAR ASSIST DEVICE TO THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM OF A LIVING SUBJECT USING A PIERCING INTRODUCER ASSEMBLY", the Specification of which:

_____ is attached hereto; or
XXXX was filed on Feb. 25, 2004 as United States Application
Serial No. 10/786,413; and
_____ was filed on _____ as PCT International Application
No. _____.

I hereby state that I have received and understand the contents of the above-identified Specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specially referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 35 U.S.C. 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable.

_____ I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sections 119 (a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

			Priority claimed	
.....NONE.....			<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/month/year/filed)		

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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